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TITLE: **TRANSPARENT COUPLING BETWEEN COMPATIBLE
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Application - 14 pages of Specification, 6 pages of Claims and 1 page of Abstract
6 Sheets of informal drawing(s)
Declaration and Power of Attorney
Assignment with Recordation Form

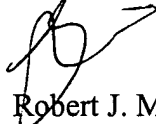
CLAIMS AS FILED				
	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	CALCULATIONS
Total Claims	25 - 20 =	5	x \$18 =	\$ 90
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	0	x \$86 =	\$ 0
Multiple Dependent Claim(s), if applicable			\$ 280 =	\$ 0
Basic Fee				\$770
TOTAL FEE:				\$860

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